

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Replace paragraph 0055 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the third embodiment of the illumination structure, as shown in FIG. 4B, instead of the plane shade 34a, a shade 34c has a plate-like shape projecting laterally from an outer wall of [[a]] an inverted semicircular cone, said cone extending from the outer wall of the cylinder 34 at a truncated tip thereof. The shade 34c reflects lights from the light sources L1, L2 and L3 once or more to use these lights more efficiently for illuminating the dial 1. Further, the shade 34c shades the direct light R0 as well as the shade 34a of the first embodiment.

Replace paragraph 0060 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A shade 134a is formed integrally with the cylinder 134 near the substrate. The shade 134a has a ~~doom-like~~ dome-like shape extending from the outer wall of the cylinder 134. The shade 134a projects to shade the inner figures 111 from the light R100 traveling directly from the light source L101. Further, the shade 134a is so formed in a ~~doom-like~~ dome-like shape being convex upward that the light reflected by the reflector 133 further reflects diffusely and uniformly.

Replace paragraph 0068 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In addition, this invention is not limited to above described embodiments, and various changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of this invention.

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For example, this illumination structure can be applied not only to a combination meter, but also to other meters used in a vehicle. Further, this structure can be applied not limited to meters used in a vehicle. The shades 34a, 34b and 34c can be applied not only to a tachometer display as described in above embodiments. The shades 134a and [[134b]] 234a can be applied not limited to the voltage meter or the oil pressure gauge. Further, this structure can be applied to any part of a combination meter singly, for example, a speedometer, or a tachometer.